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THE UNIVERSITY

The Session that is just beginning will be a momentous one, both for the world in general, and for University College, Southampton, in particular. Set as a background to the affairs of College, and to the organisation of the Union, is the unceasing reminder that we are living in a period in which there are many problems, social, economic and political, whose solution must inevitably be settled in the near future, either by means of deliberation and a determination to use the methods of civilized, educated men and women, or by a reversion to the barbaric methods of force and violence which have never truly solved any problem. What part has the student to play in this drama? Undoubtedly he has a duty to himself and to those by whose help he is able to avail himself of a University Education, to do all in his power to obtain his degree. The Education, training and disciplining of the mind and intellect, which is officially given tangible form by the possession of a degree, is the "raison d'être" of a University. Yet nothing is more certain at the present time, than that expertness in the Quadrivium and the Trivium is insufficient justification for spending three or four years at the University. Present-day society demands more than this from the University student, if he is to escape from the criticism that he lives in an atmosphere of academic isolation and does not adjust his life and work to the needs of the society in which, whether he wishes it or not, he is living. How, then, can we, as University students, attain an educated outlook, free from prejudice, a philosophy which we can serve when we go down and mingle in the society which awaits us after College?

We are singularly fortunate at Southampton in having admirable facilities for a very close communal life; it is in Hostel, particularly, that a full and profitable life can be led, in which our cultural, social and intellectual life may be deepened and broadened—if we take advantage of the unique opportunity that is offered us. Secondly, we have a great opportunity of acquiring a first-hand knowledge of the culture, creed, opinions and outlook of the foreign students who are our guests this session, of reciprocating ours, and of gaining their friendship. A failure to avail ourselves of this opportunity will be regretful when we have gone down, and there is no doubt that we will have failed to achieve, with any measure of success, the complete education which is within the power of all who seek it. Thirdly, there are the many and varied College Societies which ask for our support; enthusiastic support of such societies as appeal to the student—the Freshers especially are urged to participate in this important part of their College life—will inevitably lead to an increased realization of the complexities and problems of modern life and civilization, and perhaps also to an appreciation of the responsibility of the student in this society. Political opinions may be changed; religious beliefs may be modified or strengthened; intellectual and aesthetic appreciation may be deepened; but through the support of College Societies we will, at the end of our College career, be grateful for their indispensable contribution towards making our education and life at College something of infinite worth, and of setting us into the world in possession of a pearl of great price, useful for our own happiness, a contribution to the happiness of our fellow citizens, and which we could have gained but with difficulty in any other sphere.

A judicious and balanced use of our time at College is what I would plead for. The man who spends all his waking moments with books is an anachronism in the modern University; so is he who lives for sport, he who lives for the Union, he who lives for the opera, for the Play, for the Political Club. But all these activities play a very useful part, and are essential to the well-being and progress of University College. The quality that should mark our presence in whatever activity we join, must be enthusiasm: knowledge and organising powers are the handmaidens of enthusiasm. The Club or Society which is blessed with an enthusiastic membership, instead of cursed with a nebulous one, is a useful component of our College community. Numbers have not increased this year; it is therefore obvious that every student has an important part to play, if the College is to fulfil its purpose competently, and to increase its Status and prestige. "A University is not a foundry, or a mint, or a treadmill," wrote Cardinal Newman, "but a place where a number of young people are brought together for three or four years . . . training, moulding, enlarging the mind." If this purpose is fulfilled, then U.C.S. will be considerably nearer the "royal palace," where in the words quoted by Helen Waddell, "Philosophy hath her royal and ancient seat, who alone, with Study her sole companion, holding the eternal citadel of light and immortality, hath set her victorious foot on the withering flower of the fast-aging world."

L. H. MOORE,
President of the Union.

Dr. Claude Montefiore.

In the death on July 9th last of Dr. Claude Montefiore, who was President of the College from 1915 to 1934, and Vice-President thereafter, the College has lost its most generous, wise and distinguished leader. For practically one whole generation Dr. Montefiore had made the welfare of this College and of its students, the principal concern in his extremely varied and busy life. He was not only a generous benefactor to the College, as a whole, giving us South Hill and playing fields, and a substantial part of the equipment of South Stoneham House, but also the anonymous benefactor of many individual students year by year.

Until quite recently he was a familiar figure in the corridors and Senior Common Room when Council meetings were being held, and no one who ever met him could forget his tall fine figure, and—his marvelously piercing eyes.

Year by year at the annual University Service this great Jew, himself the founder of Liberal Judaism, was present at our Christian services, and this generous act was much more than a formal official gesture; it expressed what was characteristic of the man, unbounding toleration and generous recognition of the positions and truths dear to other faiths, and other creeds.

He visited South Stoneham House not infrequently and on more than one occasion gave memorable talks after dinner in the Junior Common Room, more particularly on the Book of Psalms and the Book of Isaiah, for his "Bible for Home Reading," which is one of his most attractive works, was his own rendering of the Old Testament done for his only son when he was born.

Mr. Montefiore was also a great friend of the Froebel Society and a large number of Jewish associations, and he was the unseen and unknown benefactor of friendless girls and women.

Perhaps his most important literary work is his great commentary on the Synoptic Gospels. No Jew was ever more generous, sympathetic and understanding of the work of Jesus of Nazareth while at the same time unflinchingly convinced of his own position. As a Jew he was known and honoured abroad, particularly in Germany and America which he visited more than once.

In 1929 the College presented to him a volume of essays written by the staff and published under the title of *Speculum Religionis*, and this gave him very great pleasure. He was most intimately

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Editorial.

Wessex News heartily welcomes all freshers on behalf of the old timers.

We welcome you as freshers, bringing fresh enthusiasm, fresh ideas (and comparatively fresh faces) to College, but advise you are not to try to be too fresh as there is life in some of the old dogs yet.

We invite you to join into College activities, advising you to give full support to those which attract your special interest rather than dabble half heartedly in several. U.C.S. offers scope for talent of all real varieties. It is even tolerant of imaginary skill and encourages those who are keen (in an effort to make capital out of interest). The staff of *Wessex News* in particular would like the support of all budding Bernard Shaws (beards not essential), Charles Lambs, etc. Our columns are at the disposal of those who wish to offer suggestions, aim criticisms or publish records. If *Wessex News* is to fulfil its purpose you must use it.

The paper is having a good send-off having acquired K. Newman as editor (at high transfer fee) instead of

J. D. YOUNG, who has been privileged to write this editorial.

David Haden Guest—
 continued from column 2.

"Well, I am afraid it is getting dark, and I must give this to the 'postman,' or otherwise if I send it through the post it may never reach you.

"So, best of all wishes, both to you and our many friends on the U.C.S. staff, and I very much hope to get the opportunity of meeting you all again—

DAVID GUEST."

Whether or not one agrees with his views it is impossible not to admire the courage and devotion that led to the sacrifice of his life. His friends will remember him with affection.

H. S. RUSE.

SNIPPETS—cont.

"Five years and fifty told this very week,
 Have I been now a so'owner on earth,
 By sorrow not unsmitten, yet for me
 Lives morning radiance hath not
 Its dew is on the flowers."

Adapted from Wordsworth by Professor Cook on the occasion of his birthday.

David Haden Guest

Mr. D. H. Guest, Demonstrator in Mathematics at U.C.S. from October, 1937, until March 1938, was killed early in August on the Ebro Front while fighting for the Spanish Government.

He was a son of Dr. Had'n Guest, M.P., and of Mrs. Connel Haden Guest. He read Mathematics and Mathematical Logic at Cambridge, where he graduated in 1931 with First Class Honours, and afterwards studied for a year at Göttingen. Later he spent a year teaching in a Russian school. Later he became interested in methods of teaching Applied Mathematics, particularly in relation to the needs of Engineers, and hoped, after gaining experience at Southampton, to collaborate in a book on the subject.

He will be remembered for his great intellectual brilliance, for his friendly disposition, for his intense devotion to the social betterment of mankind, and, not least, for the sense of humour that enlivened even the most serious of the philosophical and political discussions in which he was ever engaged. It is especially tragic that one who worked so hard for peace and who cared so much for orderly and enlightened government should have lost his life in war.

On August 5th, two days before the publication of the news of his death, the writer received from him a letter dated July 5th. It had been brought from Spain by his mother. After referring to an earlier letter (which had never been delivered), he wrote:

"Well out here, of course, we are 'in the thick of it,' but strangely enough there is less tension in the air than in England. And we also feel much more optimistic than people seem to feel at home. Perhaps this is because we are directly in contact with the intensely living force of the Spanish people, struggling with tremendous energy against the dark forces that are threatening to crush it. Of course, one cannot help feeling at times a little irritated at the slow progress of things in England, which is mainly responsible for the tremendous sacrifices here.

"Another thing—I have by no means lost interest in mathematics, logical and general scientific questions. I have even come to realise—out here more intensely than before—what these things mean to me. But also I understand that the world in which it will be possible to secure a real all-sided human development can only be won by a hard and difficult struggle—a struggle which cannot be shirked or escaped. In the most difficult stages of this struggle one gets courage precisely from a lively faith in this world of culture from which to some extent one is shut out by the circumstances of the struggle itself.

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STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Wessex News would like to congratulate all those members of Staff who have been promoted to new posts here or elsewhere, and to welcome very heartily all new members of the Senior Common Room.

Professor Pinto has gone to Nottingham and Professor B. A. Wright has taken the Chair of English Language and Literature. Previously Professor Wright was lecturer in the Department of Adult Education and when he left to become Senior English Lecturer at Glasgow University Professor Pinto succeeded to the vacant lectureship. Now Professor Pinto has returned to Nottingham and Professor Wright has followed him from Glasgow to Southampton.

Dr. P. Ford, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce now becomes Professor of Economics and Head of the Department of Geography, with Miss Miller as Senior Lecturer in Geography.

Dr. George who has left Southampton to become Head of the Physics Department at the Chelsea Polytechnic, has been succeeded by Dr. D. B. McNeill, formerly demonstrator at Queen's University, Belfast. Dr. McNeill has been Captain of Boats and has on two occasions broadcast eyewitness accounts of Northern Ireland Regattas. (We learn too that his ancestry is Scottish but his forebears were turned out of Scotland for sheep stealing!)

Mr. Lane from Leeds University has joined the Biology Staff. Previously Mr. Lane had graduated at University College, London, and had done cytological research at Birkbeck College.

Dr. N. Bachtin has been appointed Classics Lecturer at Birmingham and his place has been taken by Mr. G. G. Cook, who graduated from U.C.S. in 1935 gaining First Class Honours and the Arthur Platt Studentship. He has since taken his M.A. at University College, London.

Two changes occur on the Staff of the Chemistry Department. Dr. Poole has returned to University College, London,

where he had previously done scientific research, while Dr. Jeffrey has gone to Woolwich Polytechnic. (We understand that that one of his new colleagues was a fellow-student of a well-known Professor of Education, and once assisted in *ducking* him). Dr. Poole has been succeeded by Miss Campbell of St. Andrews, Edinburgh, who took her Ph.D. there and then went to Cornell University for two years as a Commonwealth Scholar. On her return she became Assistant Lecturer at St. Andrews, and later lecturer at Swanley Horticultural College, and demonstrator at Bedford College, London. (Since Miss Campbell's arrival it is rumoured that the Chemistry Staff sometimes wash up their cups after tea).

Dr. Denbigh, who succeeds Dr. Perry took his first degree and Ph.D. at Leeds University. Since then he has been on the Staff of Imperial Chemical Industries and lecturer at Constantine Technical College.

The Editor requests that all copy should be typed or written legibly on one side of the paper only, that the number of words and name of the sender should be appended and that all contributions should reach him not later than 4 p.m. on Friday. Letters on important topics or events are welcomed, but owing to pressure on space they should be concise and to the point. Advertisements and notices should be handed to the Business Manager not later than Friday, 4 p.m.

It is hoped that *Wessex News* will be well supported by Old Hartleians and that in this way it may form a link between past and present no less than between the various sections in College. Articles or letters will be equally welcome.

SNIPPETS.
 Among distinguished visitors to College last week were Professor Rendle Short from Bristol University who spoke at the Christian Union Squash, and Professor Dudley Stamp of London who gave a lecture to the Geographical Society.

Stage Society Auditions.

After many hours of painful puffing, Stage Society committee have decided on A. A. Milne's "Mr. Pinn Passes By" for the annual production on November 25th and 26th. The sure-fire quality of this comedy, which has been amusing audiences since before the war, is a big point in its favour, but one of the chief factors which led to its selection in this case was its comparatively straight-forward nature and short cast. This may seem to denote lack of ambition, but, we ask you, how would you cater for a society which appears to consist of perhaps three members, and those of questionable enthusiasm? This is the present regrettable state of affairs, and the rot must be stopped.

Stage Society, financed by the Union, and fulfilling an important function in College life in as much as its annual production is one of the few occasions on which we emerge from our academic seclusion to delight an enraptured public, should have the support of a large proportion of the student body. The committee are convinced that this is not only possible, but that it is in fact the case, that the apathy aforementioned is more apparent than real, and that the society will shortly be restored to its rightful position. With a view to attaining this, they have conceived a few bright ideas, to be revealed in due course. First however, you can show yourself worthy of their efforts by appearing in the Music Studio

THIS LUNCH HOUR
 when auditions will begin at 1.20 p.m. Do not worry if you have hitherto been deemed lacking in acting ability, or even if you yourself have no confidence in your powers. All talent worthy of that name has been, at one time or another, latent.

Even if you don't get a part this time, there is scope for your talents in our play-reading section, and your services will be welcomed behind the scenes, and in the many tasks which must be done efficiently if we are to put across that smooth and finished production which is our aim.

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Athletic Union

With the advent of a new sports season there comes the usual hurry and bustle to enter the various clubs. Every Club has its own particular attraction and it is impossible to assign to each its relative merit.

The opportunism or tact of some of the numerous secretaries connected with the A.U. has no doubt already inveigled many freshers to join one or other of the clubs. Many of the preliminary trials have already taken place and in the first matches of the season new talent and personnel have appeared among us.

But it may be as well here and now to add a word of warning and advice to both old and new members. In the past there has been a decided effort by many students to avoid playing away matches. To cross off for an away match is, to say the least, unsportsmanlike and it is our ardent hope that there will be no repetition this season of such a dastardly custom.

Now a word of advice directed especially to freshers. At the beginning of the season there is displayed before you a veritable store of sports activities, but when once the sweets of one club have been tasted, beware that you do not open up another selection until your previous bag has been emptied. In other words it is apt to cause some ill-feeling if you join one club and midway through the season throw that club over and join another. Pick your club and stick to it. To sound such warnings at so early a date is no doubt the mark of a pessimist, but it is as well to make the position quite clear in the early stages so that the clubs of the A.U. may work in close and perfect harmony. In conclusion it remains but to wish success to all teams and to hope for a very enjoyable season.

WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB.

The Women's Boat Club is the youngest Club of the Athletic Union and I wish to make a strong appeal for new members. Freshers who do not play hockey or netball are particularly asked to join; others will also be welcomed—on Sundays if they cannot come at other times. Of course seniors, if there are any who do not already belong to some club of the A.U. will also be welcomed.

We have not attempted any races yet, but this in no way lessens the enjoyment of an outing. Indeed, for some, it adds to it, as beginners need not feel that they are a drag on the other members. Everyone can have their fair turn. In conclusion, I would encourage prospective members by repeating the remark published in *Wessex News* last session by the Captain of the Men's Boat Club: "The good oarsman is made and not born."

CHESSE CLUB.

With last years 'A' team practically intact the Chess Club has its best prospects for many years. Moreover, talent amongst the freshers is very promising, although that which has been discovered comes from one source. Like all College clubs we lack members. Will all those who can play please sign up now? Foreign Students are particularly welcome: we have had first class players in the past, and are sure there are some now amongst our friends from overseas.

The Chess Club has the use of Room 40 from 1 to 2 p.m. At other times play can take place in the Common Rooms. A Tournament for all strengths is being arranged; watch the notice board for further announcements.

Lastly, women are asked to note there is no sex bar in Chess Club activities and that we would welcome more members for the W.C.R.

SOCCER CLUB.

U.C.S. 5, South Hants Nomads 0. "A promising start" would be an understatement, four goals in the first half of the first match, certainly augurs well for this season. The whole game was an example of a good team, the Nomads, put off their stride in the first few minutes, and kept off it by little extra sickness. The feature of the game was the effective simplicity of movement—nicely finished off. Honours go to the half-back line, playing together for the first time, Pettit, Derbyshire and Newlands did their covering and distributing well, especially in co-operating with Hill and S. White, the inside forwards. To see a forward-line working so effectively is reward enough for any selectors. The score is praise enough for the backs and goalie. Here is a team which should and will attract good support at home.

FINE START, TO BE KEPT UP.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

Owing to the late start of term the training of the team was curtailed, with the result that Saturday's fixture with R.A.F. Andover was postponed. At the end of last session we lost several members, and to make up for that deficiency we need more freshers than have already joined. Many freshers must have done some running at school and we appeal to them to turn out to the training runs on Wednesdays (see A.U. notice Board). Next Saturday's match is against Bristol University at home.

THE BOAT CLUB.

We are quite pleased with the response of freshers, but our door is still open for further recruits. A large body of junior members is a sure sign of a healthy club, as it ensures stability for some time to come.

The merits of the Club have often been extolled, so there is little to add. There are, however,

a couple of points not often minded. An outing rarely takes up more than an hour of one's time, though the interest and exercise are as high as in any other game. Farther, those whose sight requires them to wear glasses often find participation in Rugby and the like impossible; glasses are no handicap for Rowing.

RUGGER.

In spite of the fact that we have lost the majority of last season's 1st XV we hope to be able to field a strong side as several freshers have already shown promising form. The keenness displayed already by old and new members of the club has been very encouraging and is an indication that the 1st XV will have an even better season than usual. Also, we have a larger team size than usual for both teams.

As, always, however, we are in need of more members and unless we get them, it will be difficult for us to field a 2nd XV of the necessary strength. We extend a hearty welcome to any students who are considering joining the club and we appeal particularly to all those who do not at present participate in any sport at all to give Rugby a trial. Previous experience is not essential as we are willing to give newcomers the necessary tuition and practice. We can assure them that it is possible to become proficient at the game in a very short time. During the past few seasons, for instance, several players have represented the College at Rugby with distinction and even obtained colours, in spite of having had little or no previous experience at the game.

It is also a very unfortunate state of affairs when a number of students who are keen to play games are unable to do so because the slackness of a certain minority at College makes it impossible. On many occasions we have been unable to field a second team through lack of numbers.

In short, it is up to the members of this College to rally round and help the Rugby club to flourish. We can assure them that they will not regret it.

NOTE:—RUGGER PRACTICE FOR SECOND TEAM AND OTHERS ON WEDNESDAY.

BOXING CLUB.

Of all our sports, perhaps boxing is the most typically British. We all know the elementary rules of the noble art, but how many of us are aware that twice a week this club meets in the Training Hut? All Clubs have their ups and downs, but once more we are on the upgrade, with increased membership and greater experience. Finally in disproving the fallacy that boxing implies "cauliflower" ears and black eyes, we heartily invite "freshers" and seniors alike to take advantage of our first-class coach at 4.30 every Tuesday and Friday. The Club is open both for serious sparring and general physical culture.

MEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

Pirelli General 5. M.H.C. 1. In this game College had a great deal of the play but several easy goals were missed through over eagerness. However, this being the first game of the season, the team did very well considering the numbers that turned out for the practice on Wednesday, and there are high hopes for a successful season.

FENCING.

If you are in doubt about which of the many clubs in College to join, why not give the Fencing Club a trial. You may not have done any Fencing before, but do not allow this to stand in your way, for the club teaches the use of the foil, the épée, and the sabre, right from the very rudiments. You may be deterred by a vague notion that Fencing is an expensive sport. At College this is not so; there is no subscription and all gear and weapons are provided free for the use of members.

CLUB OFFICIALS, 1938-39.

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This is the beginning of the scholar's year, one more gownsmen chatter in sheltered cloisters; once more the schoolboy leaves the fields and makes his way with jaunty stride to the grey building that he knows not whether to love or despise. It is the beginning, is Autumn; but how like the end as well. That is why the fall is so like the evening. It is now that we become retrospective; we look back at the dawning of the year with all its hopes and promises; we remember when the hardy redbreast was first joined by the whitethroats, and our joy at seeing again the white blossom on the May trees.

But now the evening of the year has come; no longer does the sun entice us out into the fields to enjoy his glory. We have stretched our legs; our desire now is for the glowing embers of the hearth and the tiny flames that dance on dying coals, and the haze of tobacco smoke as we sit in an armchair and look back to the morning.

But not for long; that is the power of Autumn. It is not only the sunset of a glorious day; it is the dawn of a new life—the dawn of Winter. It is greater than the Spring, is Autumn. . . . naive adolescent Spring is a shallow, babbling brook. . . . Autumn is a sweet flowing river, gentle, deep. In the Spring we emerge from Winter days, throw them off as the snake does its skin; we want to forget the past, live in the present, and enjoy the future. In the Autumn we think on the past, enjoy the present, and plan the future. We do not know whether to weep or be glad; the regrets of the one mingle with the joys of the other: we feel that it is not an ending, but a change. That is why we do not look back for long; we are on the threshold of a new life. We shall no longer listen to the noise of insects in the damp, green grass. Nor shall we stand on golden sand glittering in the sunlight, nor watch white sails scudding over a blue sea. We shall drag our raincoats from the dark cupboard, and stride through the rain and the wind that ruffles our hair. We will

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Freshers' Social.

Breathes there a Fresher yet ignorant of his value, potentialities and popularity at U.C.S.? If so, we can only conclude that he was not present at Freshers' Social on Saturday evening, when the Students' Union devoted its energies to the welcoming of newcomers. Many a Senior must have envied the Freshers the excitement of witnessing for the first time Kelly's impressive entry, of finding Fred, brightly lit and invitingly laid-out for supper, of first singing "The Sweetest Girl," the "Psalm of Hate," "Pyjama Song" and the rest, of having some fourteen sent to the butchers to make their Roman holiday complete, in the perpetuation of the annual barbarism of Osculations, (Kelly's was not the only cupboard to be opened), and, on top of all this, of being told from the platform that they were the Hope of the Union, that numerous sports and sports days awaited them with wide-spread arms. This was the occasion also of their formal introduction to the Principal. The varied and well balanced programme of dancing, in which we were delighted to see so many Freshers joining, finished in good time to allow the trooping of Kelly to be performed with due dignity—don't worry, Freshers, you will not be called upon to sing "Kelly" twenty-six times after every dance—and Gobi was successfully accomplished under the lucid if hoarse direction of the President.

So a body, our new members have been initiated to most of the business of the Union; we are now their oyster. En masse they have created a favourable impression, it only remains for them to emerge as individuals, which among them will succeed Len, Olive, "Tree" and Archie on the platform, which cares the microphone in Teddy's stead or inherit the burden of Dorothy and Sid, who organised the evening for us?

J.O. stand where the grey waves hurl themselves on the sullen red rocks, and watch the wind-swept dunes that hurry past. Then we will return to the cottage in the oaks, light the oil-lamp, pull down from the shelf an old volume of Milton, and read:

"Or let my lamp at midnight hour
Be seen in some high lonely tower"
and we will try to
"unspun-
The spirit of Plato, to unfold,
What words or what vast regions hold,
The immortal mind, that hath forsook,
Her mansion in the fleshly nook."
"L'Allegro" is ended: no longer do we desire to dance on "the light fantastic toe." "Il Penseroso" is begun: we will enjoy more sober pleasures:
"Till old experience doth attain,
To something like prophetic strain."—AJAX.

The L.N.U. and the Crisis.

The attitude of the L.N.U. towards recent events was made clear at the first meeting of the term on Friday. In his preliminary remarks from the chair Dr. Ford said that of all organisations, the L.N.U. had the least to apologise for. If the advice of the Union had been followed in the past, the present International situation would not have arisen.

Professor Betts said that to-day we see a return to the system of power politics and that an appeal on behalf of the L.N.U. which stood for Law and order in international affairs, was needed. The League was weak but most of the proposals for its reform would make it weaker. Its weakness was due to a part of the Versailles treaty and also because it had been undermined by forces both human and economic. Britain was largely to blame. The critical year was 1920 when owing to the attitude of Britain and the colonies, the Geneva Protocol which allowed for arbitration in all disputes was rejected. The rest followed automatically, the disarmament conference failed, Japan was allowed to commit aggression in Manchuria without restraint, and to-day we were faced with the rule of force rather than reason in international affairs. Man had solved the problem of living in families, in villages, in towns, and in countries, but to-day he was faced with his final task of organising his activities on a world basis.

To-day, he said, the issue is between Sanity and Lunacy; between an idealism which implies the rule of decent law, and order, and a realism of power politics, the rule of the bully and the survival of the most strongly armed.

J.F.A.

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known within the circle of the London Society for the Study of Religion of which he was an original Founder.

He was a lover of children and his name will always be honoured in the history of Biblical scholarship, of English Education and of this College.

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Correspondence.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,

This evening in the Music Studio there will be a general meeting of the Choral Society. For the benefit of Freshers I wish to state that this society is open to all students with or without previous experience and irrespective of whether they think they can sing or not. There is no subscription. We hope to produce "The Gondoliers" and during this term Mr. D. C. Williams will coach the Chorus, and towards the end of the term auditions will be held for the allocation of principal parts. In the Spring term the Chorus and Principals will go on the stage of the Assembly Hall for the remaining practices under the direction of the Producer.

Active membership of the Choral Society does not take up as much time as might be imagined and is thoroughly enjoyable as any past member will testify. So I appeal to Freshers and Seniors alike to come and take part in "The Gondoliers". Yours truly,

P. P. KEYNON,
Hon. Sec.

Summary of S.C. Meeting held Tuesday, October 11th.

1. The Refectory System was explained by the President.
2. It was decided to inquire into the possibility of representation on the Supplies Committee.
3. Correspondence:—(a) Proposed tour of universities by Austrian Guides has been cancelled because of the state of international affairs.
- (b) The L.S.S. have decided to launch a joint appeal in universities on behalf of Austrian and Chinese refugee students.
- (c) Notices were received from N.U.S. with regard to their book scheme which is to be run in conjunction with Foyles. This raised the question of competition with Smith's own book scheme in U.C.S.

4. *Fresher's Social.* To be held on Saturday, October 15th. Procedure to be as last year.

5. *Union Handbook and Diary.* 100 of each sort bought and if these are all sold the Union will have to subsidise this scheme to the extent of £2.65. Od.

6. *Student Health.* The recommendations from S.C. on this matter have been sent to Senate but they have not yet been considered owing to lack of time available.

7. *Representation in Senate.* Possibilities to be inquired into. 8. *Union Blazer.* It was suggested that the letters U.C.S. be added on the pocket underneath the Union badge, subject to approval by the Union.

9. *Election of Union Society Committee Members.* *Wessex News*—Editor: Mr. K. J. Newman.

West Saxon—Mr. Bailey and Mr. Collins asked to be co-editors.

S.U. Librarian—Mr. Jackson.

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Calendar.

Tuesday, October 18th.

1.20 p.m. Christian Union: Missionary Study Room 35.
5.15 p.m. Students Christian Movement W.C.R.
1.20 p.m. Stage Society. Music Studio.

Thursday, October 19th.

1.20 p.m. Christian Union. Bible Study. Room 35.

Friday, October 21st.

5.15 p.m. Mathematical Association. A. Prag. Esq., of the New Hengrill School.
"Some Striking Features of 17th Century Mathematics."

Saturday, October 22nd.

11.15 a.m. Fresher's Debate. Music Studio. Motion: "That this House Approves of Military Conscription."

6.30 p.m. Faculty Society of Economics Debate. A. Hall.

Sunday, October 23rd.

Collegiate Service. St. Marys, South. Stoneham. Rev. R. Quirke, Canon of Salisbury.

Cosmopolitan Club

In these days of international strife, Internationalism is often regarded as a lost cause, but after the first meeting of the Cosmopolitan Club on Sunday, nobody could say that the spirit of international goodwill and friendship was dead.

Professor Betts welcomed the foreign students on behalf of the Cosmopolitan Club and said that the great differences of tongue which were the oldest cause of strife gave us, nevertheless, the great variety of cultures without which man's achievements would be small. He liked to think that the foreign students came to England because of our tradition of always having been the friends of freedom. To-day we were still the champions of free learning, and the internationalism of learning was the greatest force in binding together the peoples of a world tortured by narrow nationalism. U.C.S. would gain by the presence of the foreign students representing as they did such a variety of cultures.

Len Moore welcoming them on behalf of the Students' Union said that the foresight of those people who formed the club in 1936 was now bearing fruit. He hoped that they would all go back to their respective countries with many happy memories of friendship.

We hope to spend many pleasant Sunday evenings at the South-Western Hotel this session and everyone is welcome, so why not come along?

Hospitality Committee—Miss Thomas and Mr. Newland, Committee Members.
Choral Society—Mr. Maton, Committee Member.
Stage Society—President: Miss Binning.
Secretary—Mr. Holland.
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